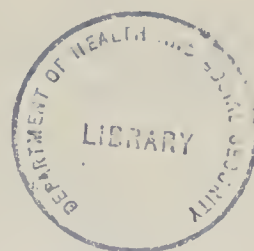


STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer
of Health, incorporating the report
of the Chief Public Health Inspector,
for the year ended 31st December 1971.



Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year ended
31st December 1971.

1. BIRTHS

There was a total of 221 births, 112 legitimate male births plus
6 illegitimate and 99 female births plus 4 illegitimate, giving
a crude birth rate per thousand population of 16.4 with a locally
adjusted rate of 16.6. Stillbirths: rate per thousand total
births - 5.

2. DEATHS

There were 108 deaths during this period, details of them are
given more fully later in this report. The crude death rate
per thousand population is 8.0, with a locally adjusted death
rate of 9.1.

3. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Cases Notified

Measles	6
Tuberculosis	2
Shigella Sonne Dysentery	1

Age Group of Attacks

	under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	over 45
Measles	2	1			1	2					
Tuberculosis								1			1
Sonne Dysentery			1								

4. CAUSES OF DEATHS

	M	F
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	2
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	2	-
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, intestine	2	1
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	2
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	4
B19(10) Leukaemia	-	1
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	4	3
B20 Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
B23 Anaemia	1	-
B46(3) Mental Disorders	-	1
B46(5) Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	-

		M	F
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	2
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	15	10
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	2
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	10	3
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	3
B32	Pneumonia	4	1
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	1
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	2
B34	Peptic Ulcer	-	1
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	2
B46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1
B42	Congenital Anomalies	-	1
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult labour, etc.	1	1
B45	Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	-	1
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	-
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2	-

5. ESTIMATES FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated mid-year population of your district: 13,460.

Registered Blind Persons

6 male and 9 females.

Mental Health

No. of persons registered as mentally subnormal	16
No. of persons under supervision in their own home	13
No. of persons in hospital for mentally sub-normal	3

Domiciliary Midwifery

Total births attended	15
Hospital patients discharged home before 10th day	132
Total cases attended	157

<u>District Nursing</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Visits</u>
Medical	129	2588
Surgical	58	628
Tuberculosis	2	10
Maternal Complications	-	-

<u>Deaths of Infants</u>	M	F
Under 1 year of age	1	3
Under 4 weeks of age	1	1
Under 1 week of age	1	1

6. VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS

	Primary (total)	Reinforcing dose (total)
Triple DTP	184	44
Dip/Tet	-	197
Diphtheria	-	-
Tetanus	-	5
Sabin (Oral)	190	218
Measles	181	-
Rubella	192	-
Lines 1+2+3 Diphtheria	184	241
Line 1 Whooping Cough	184	44
Lines 1+ 2+4 Tetanus	184	246
Smallpox	53	4

7. MEALS ON WHEELS

We were fortunate enough during the year 1971 to begin two more Meals on Wheels Services, one in Carlton and one in Wolviston, much to the appreciation of the recipients.

I give below details of the four services' Annual Reports:

Egglescliffe and Preston

(Numbers varying between 13 and 16 recipients)

Christmas dinner was donated by one of the drivers to 7 recipients and a gift of 75p was given by W.R.V.S. members to all recipients. Aged recipients in hospital were visited and given either fruit or sweets. Another volunteer gave a tea party for all recipients who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There has been an increase in the number of lunches provided by these volunteers from 2,176 - 2,724.

Carlton

262 meals were provided twice weekly between 1st October when the scheme was started, and 31st December, to 12 recipients.

Stillington

1152 meals were supplied twice weekly to 12 recipients.

Wolviston

The new service started here on 20th April 1971 for a total of 25 people. The number of meals served twice weekly from that date to 31st December was 1741.

The Engineering Industry Training Board, suppliers of the meals, invited the old people to lunch and then took them on a guided tour of the centre.

8. WATER SUPPLY

The supply by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board and the Hartlepoons Water Company has been of satisfactory quality throughout the year and no adverse results were reported.

Hartlepool Water Company are awaiting planning permission to locate a pump house in order to boost pressure to Nine Acres, Hart Village and as soon as permission is obtained work will commence,

9. SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

There are two private slaughterhouses in the Rural District and both comply fully with the requirements of the Act and allied Regulations. Hygienic standards are extremely high and maintenance of structure and equipment is also very good.

Meat Inspection

Carcases Inspected and Condemned	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	227	550	38
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	22	18	1
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL
<u>Tuberculosis</u>			
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	NIL	NIL
<u>Cysticerci</u>			
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	NIL	NIL
Carcases sent to cold store	NIL	NIL	NIL

Food Surrendered or Condemned

(a) Slaughterhouses, carcase meat and offal	2 cwts 84 lbs
(b) Retail Shops	98 lbs.
(c) Canned Meats	1cwt 4 lbs
(d) Other canned foods	15 lbs
(e) Other foods	1.lbs.

10. Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

The following table summarises the registration and inspection of premises under the provisions of the above Act.

Class of Premises	No. registered during year	Total no. registered	No. receiving general inspection
Offices	1	14	10
Retail Shops	Nil	25	19
Wholesale shops or warehouses	Nil	2	Nil
Catering establishments and canteens	Nil	11	8
Fuel storage depots	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	1	52	31

- Total number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises under the Act - 49.

Only one accident was reported to the local authority and upon subsequent investigation no action was required.

11. HOUSING

Qualification Certificates

During the year there were 42 applications for qualification certificates of which 23 have been granted and the remainder are under review.

Standard Grants

14 Standard grants were approved to a total grant amount of £2126.

Improvement Grants

These grants superseded the Discretionary Grant under the previous legislation and with increased grants being made available to Development Area, grant approvals have shown a marked rise. The total amount of houses approved for improvement grant was 47 and the grants totalled £24,301.

Demolition Orders

During the year 10 demolition orders were made, two of these houses were demolished and the remaining 8 were deferred pending satisfactory proposals for making them fit for habitation.

Closing Orders

No closing orders have been made during the year.

Slum Clearance

Towards the end of the year a start was made on the Council's first Clearance Area of 105 houses in the Morrison Street/Lowson Street area of Stillington. It was expected that the houses would be represented in the spring of 1972.

12. Civic Amenities Act, 1967

The Council has continued to provide its free service of removing bulky items of refuse and enable the public to use the tip at Preston-on-Tees for the disposal of other matter. Two abandoned vehicles were removed and disposed of under the provisions of the Act during the year.

13. Rodent Control

During the year there were 49 complaints of rats and 9 of mice, treatments being carried out for all. In addition the area was given its thorough annual sewer treatment with Eggescliffe, Preston, Thorpe Thewles, Stillington, Greatham and Redmarshall receiving an additional treatment in September. Rats were shown to be infesting the sewage system at Eggescliffe, Preston Redmarshall, Thorpe Thewles, Stillington and Greatham but were eradicated with the use of Pinhead Oatmeal and Warfarin 5 poison.

14. ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

There were four applications for license of premises during the year and upon inspection these were found to be satisfactory, in all respects and permission was granted subject to normal Conditions.

15. CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There is only one residential caravan site licensed with the local authority and license was again granted for a total of 40 caravans. The site has again functioned satisfactorily and without problem.

16. AIR POLLUTION

Smoke Control Areas

Towards the end of the year the Council considered the making of a smoke control area for the Eggescliffe/Preston area but after due consideration it was decided that owing to peculiar circumstances attaching to the Rural District, smoke control orders be deferred indefinitely.

The smoke control area inherited from Billingham U.D.C. has continued to operate without problem.

Deposit Gauge and Lead Peroxide Apparatus

Date	<u>Undissolved Deposits</u>				<u>Ferric Oxide</u>			
	Egg.	Still.	Prest.	Great.	Egg.	Still.	Prest.	Great.
January	5.48	2.87	3.34	6.54	0.80	0.62	1.05	1.82
February	5.13	3.08	0.52	3.69	0.86	0.81	0.20	1.02
March	4.68	6.91	5.34	0.87	1.64	2.14	1.00	0.33
April	3.54	1.00	1.84	4.64	0.37	0.35	0.65	1.95
May	8.42	1.17	1.24	12.36	1.24	0.33	0.34	3.51
June	2.02	-	2.07	3.37	0.57	-	0.47	0.77
July	4.61	22.90	5.64	4.88	0.47	3.40	1.67	1.14
August	4.98	0.61	4.94	5.52	0.70	0.20	0.84	1.04
September	0.53	0.45	0.45	0.42	0.20	0.12	0.15	0.15
October	1.54	0.75	4.05	1.22	0.20	0.18	1.32	0.20
November	1.04	1.60	1.58	3.45	0.23	0.46	0.46	0.54
December	3.23	3.99	10.89	4.87	0.45	0.64	3.15	0.48

Clean Air Acts 1956 and 1968

No applications for prior approval or chimney height approval were received during the year and a short outburst of industrial air pollution from a chemical works was reported when a Dry Arrester failed and there was an emission of pollution of a short duration. This was rectified as soon as observed by the Company through the fitting of a new filter bag. There are schemes for further improvements to the fumes suppression equipment being investigated by the Company.

17. SEWAGE DISPOSAL

There were nine sewage works in operation throughout the district serving the villages of Hart, Elwick, Dalton Piercy, Greatham, Thorpe Thewles, Whitton, Stillington, Carlton/Redmarshall and Long Newton.

The sewage from Wolviston and Newton Bewley is discharged into the Teesside County Borough Council sewerage system and only Elton village is not serviced by main sewers and has to rely on septic tank installations.

The Labour force consisted of four men operating two Land Rovers and two trailer pumps.

18. REFUSE COLLECTION

Although there have been minor problems the refuse collection service has been satisfactorily maintained by the two refuse teams.

Each team consists of five men including a driver and having a working stint for the whole week which allows all premises to be served once a week.

There are three refuse collection vehicles, two being in continuous use and the third available in case of breakdown and periodic servicing.

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